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SUBJECT: ROUTING FOR WEST BERLIN TURKISH WORKER FLIGHTS

REFS: A) BONN 15269

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1. SUMMARY: BERLIN SENAT, BRITISH MISSION AND WE ARE ANXIOUS TO RESOLVE NUREMBERG CURFEW ISSUE IN FAVOR OF ALLIED CARRIERS. FRENCH OBJECT TO GERMANS IN BERLIN BECOMING INVOLVED IN CIVIL AVIATION QUESTIONS, BUT SINCE TWO BRITISH CARRIERS AND ONE AMERICAN CARRIER LIKELY TO SUFFER FROM IMPOSITION OF CURFEW, WE DO NOT OBJECT TO SENAT BECOMING ENGAGED TO EXTENT OF PRESSING FRG TO TAKE FORMAL STEPS OF EXEMPTING ALLIED CARRIERS FROM CURFEW. END SUMMARY.

2. BERLIN SENAT CHANCELLERY OFFICIAL SOEDER URGED TWO WEEKS AGO EARLY MEETING OF SENAT OFFICIALS, ALLIED AIRLINES REPS, AND ALLIED MISSION OFFICIALS FOR PRUPOSE OF DISCUSSING
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NUREMBERG CURFEW. MATTER CONSIDERERED URGENT BY BRITISH

BECAUSE NEW CURFEW RULES, WHICH ADVANCE LATEST DEPARTURE TIME FROM NUREMBERG BY ONE HOUR TO 2300 LOCAL, GO INTO EFFECT NOV 1.

3. WHEN THREE-WAY MEETING FIRST PROPOSED BY SENAT, FRENCH OBJECTED ON GROUNDS SUBJECT MATTER (CIVIL AVIATION) OUTSIDE COMPETENCE OF SENAT. SUBSEQUENTLY FRENCH CLAIMED NO PROBLEM EXISTS BECAUSE FRG AUTHORITIES DO NOT INTEND TO PERMIT BAVARIANS TO APPLY CURFEW TO ALLIED CARRIERS. BRITISH, HOWEVER, BELIEVE THIS REPORT BASED SOLELY ON VIEWS FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL (KRONECK), WHO MAY NOT SPEAK FOR FRG. MOREOVER BRITISH SKEPTICAL THAT BAVARIANS, WHO DON'T LIKE TAKING ORDERS FROM CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, WOULD SIMPLY ROLL OVER ON THIS ISSUE.

4. WE HAD ORIGINALLY FAVORED DEVELOPING WITH SENAT COMMON BERLIN POSITION ON THIS ISSUE, BUT SINCE EMBASSY INFORMED US TELEPHONICALLY THAT CURFEW IS PROBABLY NON-ISSUE FOR ALLIED CARRIERS (REF B), WE HAVE TOLD BRITISH THAT WE, LIKE FRENCH, DO NOT FAVOR MEETING IN BERLIN INVOLVING GERMANS. NEVERTHELESS, SINCE BRITISH INTENDING DISCUSS MATTER WITH THEIR CARRIERS UNILATERALLY, WE FELT COMPELLED TO DO LIKE-WISE LEST PAN AM AND AEROAMERICAN CONCLUDED WE NOT LOOKING AFTER THEIR INTERESTS.

5. WE AND BRITISH HAVE NOW COMPLETED DISCUSSIONS WITH CARRIERS AND FIND THAT IMPOSITION OF CURFEW WOULD HAVE IMMEDIATE UNFAVORABLE IMPACT ON ABILITY OF PAN AM, DAN AIR AND LAKER TO CONTINUE TURKISH OPERATIONS. IF COMPELLED TO DEPART EARLIER FROM NUREMBERG THAN AT PRESENT, PAN AM WOULD INCUR ADDITIONAL COSTS, PRIMARILY BECAUSE IT WOULD HAVE TO USE TWO CREWS ON BERLIN-ISTANBUL ROUNDTRIP INSTEAD OF ONE. DAN AIR AND LAKER WOULD HAVE EVEN GREATER DIFFICULTIES BECAUSE THEIR AIRCRAFT ARE COMMITTED ELSEWHERE UNTIL VERY LATE IN DAY. CONSEQUENTLY, THEY CANNOT ADVANCE THEIR SCHEDULES IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE BAVARIANS. IF COMPELLED TO ADHERE TO CURFEW, DAN AIR AND LAKER WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO CANCEL EXISTING CONTRACTS WITH TOUR OPERATORS, AND PAN AM WOULD HAVE TO RAISE ITS PRICE. AEROAMERICA ON THE OTHER HAND WOULD NOT

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BE AFFECTED BY ADVANCEMENT OF NUREMBERG CURFEW BECAUSE IT CURRENTLY SCHEDULES ITS ONCE-A-WEEK TURKISH FLIGHT EARLIER IN EVENING.

6. BRITISH MISSION WISH TO CONVEY THIS INFORMATION ON IMPACT OF NUREMBERG CURFEW TO SENAT HERE IN LIEU OF THREE-WAY MEETING PROPOSED BY SOEDER AND WE AGREE. FROM BERLIN STANDPOINT, IMPOSITION OF NUREMBERG CURFEW IS UNDESIRABLE

ON SEVERAL COUNTS: IT WOULD PROBABLY CURTAIL ALLIED CARRIERS'
FLIGHTS TO TURKEY, COULD HELP GDR OBTAIN LARGER PART OF TURKISH
WORKER TRAFFIC, AND IT WOULD AGAIN HIGHLIGHT
WSB'S DIFFICULTIES IN FUNCTIONING AS INTERNATIONAL AIR
TRAFFIC CENTER. FOR THESE REASONS, WE EXPECT THAT
SENAT WILL BE PRESSING FRG TO EXEMPT ALLIED CARRIERS FROM
CURFEW AND HOPE THAT EMBASSY WILL ASSIST IN ASSURING THAT
NUREMBERG LOCAL AUTHORITIES WILL RESCIND NOTAM
EFFECTIVE NOV 1 IMPOSING EARLIER CURFEW. GEORGE

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